

Instructions for tying the *Aquatic Pest*:

Materials Needed: 1 black, olive or brown rabbit strip, 1 large streamer hook, heavy thread and bobbin, 3 mallard flank feathers, green and copper flashabou, and olive rams wool or olive ice dub.

Step 1: Put a large hook in your vice and cover it with thread.

Step 2: Bring your thread to the back of the hook, tie in the rabbit strip as a tail, bring your thread forward on the hook a third of the way up the shank, and tie down the rabbit strip again. Now cut off the excess.

Step 3: Bring thread forward so that it is 1/3 of the way back on the hook shank and tie in a large mallard flank feather so that it is curving down over the back of the hook.

Step 4: Tie in a bunch of copper flashabou.

Step 5: Tie in another mallard flank, curving down, over the copper flashabou.

Step 6: Tie in some Kelly Green flashabou over the mallard flank.

Step 7: Tie in a large mallard flank feather by the tip, hold it upright, stroke the fibers back, and wind it forward as a collar.

Step 8: Tie in a clump of olive ram's wool on top of the hook shank as a head. Keeping the ram's wool on top of the hook will help to give the fly great action.

Step 9: Finish the fly with whip finish or half hitches.

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